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## NOTICE.

THE Editorial Department of the Daily Press and Overseas Trade Report has this day placed in the hands of Mr. R. CHATTERTON WILCOX.

## W. H. B. BELL.

Daily Press Office, Hongkong, January 11th, 1876.

## MARRIAGE.

At Hamburg, on the 20th November, 1874, by Pastor GUSTAV RITTER, J. M. LANGE, of H.M. Customs Service, to Miss EMMA CAROLINE HENRIETTE LADAGE, of Hamburg. [17]

## The Daily Press

HONGKONG, JANUARY 20th, 1876.

A stranger first arriving in Hongkong cannot fail to be delighted with the picturesque and beautiful appearance of the town of Victoria as viewed from the smooth waters of the harbour. The size of the houses and buildings, the commanding position of the churches, and the light and clean aspect of all will also equally impress him. After Penang and Singapore, too, this city has a homelike look that is altogether wanting in those places, and consequently strikes favourably on the eye. But the illusion is a brief one. One look on the blue water and it is over. There swarm about the stranger in Europe, and very foreign indeed to the newly arrived. Still this is not unexpected, and however remarkable seamen and junks may seem, they are not more so than the catamarans of Ceylon, nor is the ceaseless clank of the Chinese boatpeople more noticeable than the monotonous ring-song of the Chinese when at work. One feature, however, impresses unfavourably, and much that is attractive. That is the apparent scarcity of vegetation. The huge peak that frowns over the city looks barren and rugged, and but little foliage is visible. Once landed, this proves in a great measure an erroneous idea, for there are as many trees in Victoria as in most towns, and they climb high up on the mountain, and will, every many years have lapsed, if the typhoons spare them, be very luxuriant.

If, however, the stranger is prepossessed in favour of the place by his first view from the water, he cannot help being yet more so on closer acquaintance, and must marvel greatly to find so much effected in a few short years. For it must be remembered, Victoria is a mushroom city, and as such is a most favourable specimen. The site, though extremely favourable sanitarily, on account of the facility for drainage, was one that presented great difficulties in the way of road making, and the heavy rains frequently wash the soil from the surface and leave them in a ruinous state. Notwithstanding these obstacles, streets have been formed of fair average width, and roads and footways made of the best and most enduring character. In many places there are immense flights of granite steps, in others the whole causeway is so constructed of granite as to break the too steep descent. The roads up the hill, out from the granite rock, are admirably constructed, and the channels formed for the torrents that follow heavy rains are the best that could be made.

The comparative absence of carriage traffic, and the vast number of sedan chairs joggling noisily along, are certainly features peculiar to the place. Europeans, at first hesitate to avail themselves of such a mode of conveyance; but the steep ascents soon teach

them the wisdom of doing so. Though the innumerable horse traffic renders the streets quiet, they are none the less busy, and loiter with people. The Chinese shops, with their signs and characters displayed, particularly attract attention, and at night the lanterns hung over the doors of these establishments give them a new interest in the stranger's eye. He is likewise not a little surprised to find some European shops which can vie with the best in the large towns of his own country.

In his perambulations he will also remark on the variety of costumes and skins he will find among the policemen. Here a swarthy Sikh, with many coloured turban, there a Chinese, wearing a hat something like a punchbowl, and there an Englishman, with a military cap, and yet again a Negro in yet another uniform. When the gas lamps are lit, the effect, seen from the harbour, is very pretty, as they mount high up the hill side, where they shine clear and bright like long rows of unextinguishable stars.

The public buildings of Hongkong lead one to imagine that they were erected with an eye to the future—in the hope and belief that its prosperity would continue, and the colony increase in wealth and population.

And though it has received a serious check, it may be hoped that it is but a temporary one, and that the rainy days it once enjoyed may return again. The City Hall is a structure that would do credit to some of the largest provincial towns of England. It is admirably constructed, and contains a pretty theatre, a nice little museum, a good library, and many noble rooms. Few people at home would expect to find such a building in a remote colony like Hongkong. St. John's Cathedral is fully as large as two or three of the smallest at home, and the visitor is agreeably surprised to find it gorgeous with stained glass. The other places of worship are also very creditable erections, and on a considerable scale. The Hongkong Hotel, the German Club, and the Hotel de l'Univers, are all large and handsome buildings, the former especially. It will bear comparison with some of the finest in London. A neat and lofty clock tower, with illuminated dial, faces the new-come as he lands at the wharf, everywhere around him rise handsome, massive, and well kept buildings; before him rises the steep mountain, which is dotted thickly with white and varnished houses framed in trees; and behind him lies the harbour, gay with steamers, ships, and craft of all descriptions. The whole forms a charming picture, and from whatever point he gazes, the stranger must perceive that the view is both novel and pleasing, and that Hongkong is infinitely more attractive than it is usually, through ignorance or prejudice, painted.

The British Lord Macaulay was beating in late last evening from the Westward.

We are informed by a Japan contemporary that the Japanese are about to start an English newspaper in Yedo.

In the Summary Court yesterday, Mr. Alfred applied to Mr. Justice Snowdon for \$30, for giving professional evidence in a Chinese case.

His Lordship said he would consider the application, and give his decision on Tuesday.

A meeting of those interested in the temporary extension of the railway to the Victoria Road, at 7 p.m., at Fletcher's Buildings, Queen's Road East, to take into consideration the advisability of the establishment of a Temperance Hall in this city.

Recently a poor Chinaman was arrested and fined, in England, for transporting a chicken to his place of abode. The chicken was the property of the terminal official, and the man was fined for taking it to his place of abode.

On the arrival of the English mail yesterday, the Right Rev. T. Rainold landed at the P. & O. Company's new wharf, where he was received by the Mayor and the members of the Corporation. He is the Bishop of the Diocese of Salisbury, and he has been in the service of the Diocese of Salisbury for many years.

The Singapore Daily Press says the Government Gazette notices that the Rev. the Lord Bishop of Labuan has erected an Archdiocese in the Straits Settlements, and has appointed the Rev. G. F. Rose to be Archdeacon of the said Archdiocese.

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with others not in custody. 50 cash was found on the ground.

The defendant was convicted of obstruction, and fined \$50.

LEONG ASAN, a small boy, was charged by the Police with stealing a pair of trousers, which he had taken from a shop.

Prisoner denied the charge and said he was buying a cake when the trousers were blown down, and he was only in the act of picking them up to give it to the owner when he was arrested.

This was, however, disproved, and the prisoner received ten days' imprisonment and ordered to be flogged twice, ten strokes each time.

Mr. Charles Richards, chief officer on board the steamer Poyang, charged two Chinese coolies, named Mak Aobong and Mak Aohoi, with stealing a box of opium.

It appears the defendants received 40 cents for a certain time, but being engaged further they again demanded the full amount, not acknowledging their receipt.

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